

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A method of interpreting metadata in a media browsing system, said method comprising the steps of:

5 receiving a description of an item of multimedia content;

reviewing the description to identify metadata associated therewith;

examining said metadata to determine those (first) metadata items that conform to one of a predetermined number of known metadata standards and converting each said first metadata item to an interpretable form used in said system;

10 examining said metadata to determine those remaining metadata items that do not conform to any of said known metadata standards, and for each said remaining metadata items:

(i) assessing a syntax of said item to classify said item to one of a set of types known to said system; and

15 (ii) converting said item according to said one type to said interpretable form.

2. A method according to claim 1 wherein for steps (i) and (ii) said types include a type that classifies said item as being a table of contents item

20 3. A method according to claim 1 wherein for steps (i) and (ii) said type classifies the item as an index item.

4. A method according to claim 1 wherein said interpretable form comprises 25 attributes used by said multimedia browsing system for visual representation of said description.

5. A method according to claim 4 wherein said description is expressed in XML.

30 6. A method according to claim 5 wherein said receiving comprises parsing said description.

7. A method according to claim 5 wherein, for steps (i) and (ii), an href attribute is construed to be a link and represented as an xlink:href attribute and wherein if a target value of said link is a URI with one of an extension of XML or no extension, then said link is interpreted to be a link to another description, otherwise said link is interpreted to be a link to the content corresponding to said description.

8. A method according to claim 5 wherein, for steps (i) and (ii), an element is classified as a table of contents item if at least one of the element and any corresponding children thereof contains a link.

9. A method according to claim 8 wherein said link is represented using an element with the said element content containing the link target.

10. A method according to claim 8 wherein said link is represented using an attribute wherein the value of the attribute contains the link target.

11. A method according to claim 8 wherein an element not classified as a table of contents item is interpreted to be an index item.

12. A method according to claim 5 wherein:

- (a) if a item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and
- (b) if a name attribute exists;

then a text identifier is created from the name attribute of said item.

13. A method according to claim 5 wherein:

- (a) if a item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and
- (b) if a name attribute does not exist;

then a text identifier is created from the element name.

14. A method according to claim 5 wherein:

- (a) if a item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier;
- (b) if a name attribute exists; and

- (c) if said name attribute is one of a class of attributes that can acct as a visual identifier;

then a visual identifier is created from the element name.

- 5 15. A method according to claim 14 wherein said visual identifier is formed by checking said name attribute against a list of possible visual identifier names.

16. A method according to claim 14 wherein said name attributes relates to at least one of a key frame, a thumbnail and a movie preview.

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17. A method according to claim 5 wherein said converting is performed using an XSLT stylesheet.

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18. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computer execute a procedure to interpret metadata in a media browsing system, said program comprising:

code for receiving a description of an item of multimedia content;

code for reviewing the description to identify metadata associated therewith;

code for examining said metadata to determine those (first) metadata items that

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conform to one of a predetermined number of known metadata standards and converting each said first metadata item to an interpretable form used in said system;

code for examining said metadata to determine those remaining metadata items that do not conform to any of said known metadata standards, and for each said remaining metadata items:

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(i) assessing a syntax of said item to classify said item to one of a set of types known to said system; and

(ii) converting said item according to said one type to said interpretable form.

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19. A computer readable medium according to claim 18 wherein for steps (i) and (ii) said types include a type that classifies said item as being a table of contents item

20. A computer readable medium according to claim 18 wherein for steps (i) and (ii) said type classifies the item as an index item.

21. A computer readable medium according to claim 18 wherein said interpretable
5 form comprises attributes used by said multimedia browsing system for visual representation of said description.

22. A computer readable medium according to claim 25 wherein said description is expressed in XML.

23. A computer readable medium according to claim 22 wherein said code for receiving comprises code for parsing said description.

24. A computer readable medium according to claim 22 wherein said code for
15 examining for steps (i) and (ii), is operable to construe an href attribute to be a link and represent the same as an xlink:href attribute and wherein if a target value of said link is a URI with one of an extension of XML or no extension, then said link is interpreted to be a link to another description, otherwise said link is interpreted to be a link to the content corresponding to said description.

25. A computer readable medium according to claim 22 wherein said code for examining, for steps (i) and (ii), is operable to classify an element as a table of contents item if at least one of the element and any corresponding children thereof contains a link.

26. A computer readable medium according to claim 25 wherein said link is represented using an element with the said element content containing the link target.

27. A computer readable medium according to claim 25 wherein said link is represented using an attribute wherein the value of the attribute contains the link target.

28. A computer readable medium according to claim 25 wherein an element not classified as a table of contents item is interpreted to be an index item.

29. A computer readable medium according to claim 22 wherein said code for examining for steps (i) and (ii) is operable such that:

- (a) if a item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and
- (b) if a name attribute exists;

then a text identifier is created from the name attribute of said item.

30. A computer readable medium according to claim 22 wherein said code for examining for steps (i) and (ii) is operable such that:

- (a) if a item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and
- (b) if a name attribute does not exist;

then a text identifier is created from the element name.

31. A computer readable medium according to claim 22 wherein said code for examining for steps (i) and (ii) is operable such that:

- (a) if a item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier;
- (b) if a name attribute exists; and
- (c) if said name attribute is one of a class of attributes that can acct as a visual identifier;

then a visual identifier is created from the element name.

32. A computer readable medium according to claim 31 wherein said visual identifier is formed by checking said name attribute against a list of possible visual identifier names.

33. A computer readable medium according to claim 31 wherein said name attributes relates to at least one of a key frame, a thumbnail and a movie preview.

34. A computer readable medium according to claim 22 wherein said code for converting is operable using an XSLT stylesheet.

35. Computer apparatus for interpreting metadata in a media browsing system, said program comprising:

means for receiving a description of an item of multimedia content;

means for reviewing the description to identify metadata associated therewith;

first means for examining said metadata to determine those (first) metadata items that conform to one of a predetermined number of known metadata standards and
5 converting each said first metadata item to an interpretable form used in said system;

second means for examining said metadata to determine those remaining metadata items that do not conform to any of said known metadata standards, and for each said remaining metadata items:

(i) assessing a syntax of said item to classify said item to one of a set of
10 types known to said system; and

(ii) converting said item according to said one type to said interpretable form.

36. Computer apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said types include a type that
15 classifies said item as being a table of contents item

37. Computer apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said type classifies the item as an index item.

20 38. Computer apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said interpretable form comprises attributes used by said multimedia browsing system for visual representation of said description.

25 39. Computer apparatus according to claim 38 wherein said description is expressed in XML.

40. Computer apparatus according to claim 22 wherein said means for receiving comprises means for parsing said description.

30 41. Computer apparatus according to claim 39 wherein said means for second examining is operable to construe an href attribute to be a link and represent the same as an xlink:href attribute and wherein if a target value of said link is a URI with one of an extension of

XML or no extension, then said link is interpreted to be a link to another description, otherwise said link is interpreted to be a link to the content corresponding to said description.

5 42. Computer apparatus according to claim 38 wherein said means for second examining is operable to classify an element as a table of contents item if at least one of the element and any corresponding children thereof contains a link.

10 43. Computer apparatus according to claim 42 wherein said link is represented using an element with the said element content containing the link target.

44. Computer apparatus according to claim 42 wherein said link is represented using an attribute wherein the value of the attribute contains the link target.

15 45. Computer apparatus according to claim 42 wherein an element not classified as a table of contents item is interpreted to be an index item.

46. Computer apparatus according to claim 42 wherein said means for second examining is operable such that:

- 20 (a) if a item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and
 (b) if a name attribute exists;

then a text identifier is created from the name attribute of said item.

25 47. Computer apparatus according to claim 42 wherein said means for second examining is operable such that:

- (a) if a item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier; and
 (b) if a name attribute does not exist;

then a text identifier is created from the element name.

30 48. Computer apparatus according to claim 42 wherein said means for examining is operable such that:

- (a) if a item does not have either a visual identifier or a text identifier;

(b) if a name attribute exists; and

(c) if said name attribute is one of a class of attributes that can act as a visual identifier;

then a visual identifier is created from the element name.

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49. Computer apparatus according to claim 48 wherein said visual identifier is formed by checking said name attribute against a list of possible visual identifier names.

50. Computer apparatus according to claim 48 wherein said name attributes relates to at least one of a key frame, a thumbnail and a movie preview.

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51. Computer apparatus according to claim 39 wherein said code for converting is operable using an XSLT stylesheet.

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52. Computer apparatus according to claim 35 wherein said multimedia browsing system is implemented at least in part by said computer apparatus.

53. Computer apparatus according to claim 52 wherein said computer apparatus is formed by a server to which individual users of said multimedia browsing system connect.

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54. A method of maintaining a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where said personal information landscape comprises a set of at least one link to a corresponding metadata entity, said metadata entities each having at least one link to at least one of a further metadata entity and a content entity, said method comprising the steps of:

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(i) representing and storing each entity target of said links as an universal resource identifier (URI);

(ii) representing said links in an interface from which a user can navigate through said personal information landscape using said links to metadata entities and select to reproduce the content using said links to said content entities; and

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(iii) enabling the user to modify said personal information landscape by adding new links to metadata entities and one of deleting or modifying existing links to metadata

entities, in which modifications are stored with the said users personal information landscape.

55. A method according to claim 54 wherein said reproduction comprises at least one of playing and viewing the content.

56. A method according to claim 54 wherein step (i) further comprises representing and storing said entity target with a component identifier, where said component identifier identifying a component of the entity addressed by the URI.

57. A method according to claim 54 wherein said content entity comprises an item of digital signal content.

58. A method according to claim 57, wherein said item of digital content comprises a digital image item.

59. A method according to claim 57, wherein said item of digital content comprises a digital video item.

60. A method according to claim 57, wherein said item of digital content comprises a digital audio item.

61. A method according to claim 57, wherein said content entity comprises an item of electronic text.

62. A method according to claim 57, wherein said content entity comprises an item of electronic hypertext.

63. A method according to claim 57, wherein said content entity comprises an item of non-electronically accessible content, in which case the item of content cannot be viewed or played.

64. A method according to claim 54, wherein said metadata entities comprise XML documents.

65. A method according to claim 56, wherein said component identifier identifies a node of an XML element tree.

66. A method according to claim 56, wherein said component identifier comprises an XPointer.

67. A method according to claim 54, wherein said interface is implemented using a web browsing application.

68. A method according to claim 67, wherein functionality used to play or view said content is provided by plug-ins for said web browsing application.

69. A method according to claim 67 wherein said web browsing application comprises a generic application

70. A method according to claim 54, wherein functionality used to play or view content is provided by a plug-in specifically designed for the said interface.

71. A method of maintaining a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where said personal information landscape comprises a set of at least one link to a corresponding metadata entity, wherein each said metadata entity comprises at least one link to one of a further metadata entity or to a content entity, said method comprising the steps of:

(i) representing and storing each entity target of said links as a universal resource identifier (URI);

(ii) representing said links in an interface from which the user can navigate through said personal information landscape using said links to metadata entities and select to play or view the content using said links to said content entities;

(iii) enabling said user to search for particular entities using said metadata entities by specifying desired properties for the said entities and then performing a matching operation on said desirable properties with properties of said entities contained in the said metadata entities;

5 (iv) enabling said user to modify said personal information landscape by at least one of adding new links to metadata entities, deleting existing links and modifying existing links metadata entities, wherein said new links and said modifications are stored with said personal information landscape.

10 72. A method according to claim 71 wherein step (i) further comprises representing and storing said entity target with a component identifier, where said component identifier identifies an identifiable component of the entity identified by the URI.

15 73. A method according to claim 71, wherein said entities being searched for comprise content entities.

74. Computer apparatus for maintaining a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where said personal information landscape comprises a set of one or more links to metadata entities, said metadata entities each having at least one link to at least one of a further metadata entity and a content entity, said apparatus comprising:

first means for representing and storing each entity target of said links as an universal resource identifier (URI);

25 second means for representing said links in an interface from which the user can navigate through said personal information landscape using said links to metadata entities and select to play or view the content using said links to said content entities;

third means for modifying said personal information landscape by adding new links to metadata entities and deleting or modifying existing links to metadata entities, said modifications being stored with the said users personal information landscape.

30 75. Computer apparatus for maintaining a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where said personal information landscape comprises a set of one or more

links to metadata entities, wherein each said metadata entity comprises one or more links to either a further metadata entity or to a content entity, said apparatus comprising:

first means for representing and storing each entity target of said links as an universal resource identifier (URI);

5 second means for representing said links in an interface from which the user can navigate through said personal information landscape using said links to metadata entities and select to play or view the content using said links to said content entities;

10 third means for enabling said user to search for particular entities using said metadata entities by specifying desirable properties for the said entities and then attempting to match said desirable properties with properties of said entities contained in the said metadata entities;

fourth means for modifying said personal information landscape by adding new links to metadata entities and deleting or modifying existing links metadata entities, said modifications being stored with said personal information landscape.

15 76. Computer apparatus according to claim 74 wherein said apparatus comprises a server to which said user operatively connects

20 77. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computer execute a procedure to maintain a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where said personal information landscape comprises a set of at least one link to a corresponding metadata entity, said metadata entities each having at least one link to at least one of a further metadata entity and a content entity, said program comprising:

25 first code for representing and storing each entity target of said links as an universal resource identifier (URI);

second code for representing said links in an interface from which a user can navigate through said personal information landscape using said links to metadata entities and select to reproduce the content using said links to said content entities; and

30 third code for enabling the user to modify said personal information landscape by adding new links to metadata entities and one of deleting or modifying existing links to

metadata entities, in which modifications are stored with the said users personal information landscape.

5 78. A computer readable medium according to claim 77 wherein said reproduction comprises at least one of playing and viewing the content.

10 79. A computer readable medium according to claim 77 wherein said first code further comprises code for representing and storing said entity target with a component identifier, where said component identifier identifying a component of the entity addressed by the URI.

15 80. A computer readable medium according to claim 77, wherein said content entity comprises an item of digital signal content and said item of digital content comprises at least one of a digital image item, a digital video item, a digital audio item, an item of electronic text, and an item of electronic hypertext.

20 81. A computer readable medium according to claim 77, wherein said content entity comprises an item of non-electronically accessible content, in which case the item of content cannot be viewed or played.

82. A computer readable medium according to claim 77, wherein said metadata entities comprise XML documents.

25 83. A computer readable medium according to claim 79, wherein said component identifier identifies a node of an XML element tree.

84. A computer readable medium according to claim 79, wherein said component identifier comprises an XPointer.

30 85. A computer readable medium according to claim 77, wherein said interface is implemented using an web browsing application.

86. A computer readable medium according to claim 85, wherein functionality used to play or view said content is provided by plug-ins for said web browsing application.

87. A computer readable medium according to claim 85 wherein said web browsing
5 application comprises a generic application

88. A computer readable medium according to claim 77, wherein functionality used to play or view content is provided by a plug-in specifically designed for the said interface.

10 89. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computer execute a procedure to maintain a personal information landscape for a World Wide Web user, where said personal information landscape comprises a set of at least one link to a corresponding metadata entity, wherein each said metadata entity comprises at least one link to one of a further metadata entity or
15 to a content entity, said program comprising:

first code for representing and storing each entity target of said links as an universal resource identifier (URI);

second code for representing said links in an interface from which the user can navigate through said personal information landscape using said links to metadata entities
20 and select to play or view the content using said links to said content entities;

third code for enabling said user to search for particular entities using said metadata entities by specifying desired properties for the said entities and then performing a matching operation on said desirable properties with properties of said entities contained in the said metadata entities;

25 fourth code for enabling said user to modify said personal information landscape by at least one of adding new links to metadata entities, deleting existing links and modifying existing links metadata entities, wherein said new links and said modifications are stored with said personal information landscape.

30 90. A computer readable medium according to claim 89 wherein said first code further comprises representing and storing said entity target with a component identifier, where

said component identifier identifies an identifiable component of the entity identified by the URI.

5 91. A computer readable medium according to claim 89, wherein said entities being searched for comprise content entities.

10 92. A method of communicating metadata between users of a multimedia browsing service, said service including storage of a table-of-contents of metadata for items able to be browsed and selected by a corresponding user of said service, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) extracting, at a first device having a corresponding first user, metadata relating to a selected media item from table-of-contents of a first user;
- 15 (b) transferring said metadata for said selected item from said first device to a second device having a corresponding second user; and
- (c) said second device receiving said metadata and informing said media browsing service to update a table-of-contents of said second user in said storage with said metadata for said selected media item.

20 93. A method of communicating links to metadata between users of a media browsing service, said service including storage of a browsable table-of-contents of links to metadata for selectable items for each user of said service, said method comprising the steps of:

- 25 (a) extracting, at a first device having a corresponding first user, a link to metadata relating to a selected item from a table-of-contents of said first user;
- (b) transferring said link to metadata for said selected item to a second user from said first device to a second device having a corresponding second user; and
- (c) said second device receiving said link to metadata and informing said media browsing service to update a table-of-contents of said second user in said storage with said
- 30 link to metadata for said selected item.

94. A method according to claim 92 wherein said transferring comprises at least partial wireless communication between said first device and said second device.

5 95. A method according to claim 92 wherein said selected item is an item of digital audiovisual content.

96. A method of communicating metadata between a user device of a media browsing system and a further device not being part of said system, said method comprising the steps of:

10 (a) extracting said metadata from a table of contents associated with said user device and repositing with said media browsing system;

(b) associating said extracted metadata with an address of said media browsing system and a logon to said system and enveloping the associated components in a voucher; and

15 (c) communicating said voucher from said user device to said further device thereby enabling a user of said further device access to said media browsing system using said logon and to thereby access from said media browsing system to media content referenced by said metadata.

20 97. A method according to claim 96 wherein said media browsing system comprises a computer server apparatus to which said user device and said further device are each operatively connectable.

25 98. A method according to claim 96, wherein said voucher substantiates a right-to-use said media content for said further device.

99. A method according to claim 95, wherein said voucher is temporal and expires after a predetermined time period established and commenced upon formation of said voucher.

30 100. A method according to claim 96, wherein a right-to-use said media content of said user device is transferred to said further device.

101. A method according to claim 96, wherein a right-to-use said media content of said further device defaults to a single use.

102. A method according to claim 96, wherein a right-to-use said media content of said further device is determined using said metadata.

103. A method according to claim 102, wherein said determination is performed by said media browsing server using said metadata.

104. A method according to claim 102, wherein said determination is performed by a media browsing server associated with said media content.

105. A multimedia device comprising:

means for operatively connecting said device to a multimedia browsing service, said service including storage of a table-of-contents including at least one of metadata and links to metadata for items able to be browsed and selected by a user of said device and said service;

means for extracting one of metadata or a link to metadata relating to a selected media item from said table-of-contents of a user; and

means for transferring said extracted metadata or link to metadata for said selected item from said device to a further device having a corresponding further user.

106. A device according to claim 105 wherein said means for transferring comprises means for wireless communication between at least one of said service and said further device.

107. A device according to claim 105 wherein said selected item is an item of digital audiovisual content and said device comprises audiovisual reproduction means..

108. A device according to claim 105 wherein said further device operatively corresponds to said device.

109. A multimedia device comprising:

means for receiving at least one of metadata or link to metadata for a media item from a first device having a corresponding first user;

5 means for operatively connecting said device to a multimedia browsing service, said service including storage of a table-of-contents including at least one of metadata and links to metadata for items able to be browsed and selected by a user of said multimedia device and said service; and

means for updating said one metadata or a link to metadata relating to said media item to said table-of-contents of said user.

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110. A device according to claim 109 wherein said means for receiving comprises means for wireless communication between at least one of said service and said further device.

111. A device according to claim 109 wherein said selected item is an item of digital
15 audiovisual content and said device comprises audiovisual reproduction means..

20 112. A multimedia device comprising:

means for extracting metadata from a table of contents associated with a user of said device and repositing with a media browsing system to which said device is operatively connectable;

25 means for associating said extracted metadata with an address of said media browsing system and a logon to said system and enveloping the associated components in a voucher; and

means for communicating said voucher from said device to a further device thereby enabling a user of said further device access to said media browsing system using said logon and to thereby access media content referenced by said metadata from said media
30 browsing system.

113. A device according to claim 109 wherein said voucher comprises components relating to at least one of:

(a) a time period by which said media content can be accessed by said further device;

5 (b) a quality of service by which said media content can be reproduced by said further device; and

(c) a number of instances by which said media content can be reproduced by said further device.

10 114. A device according to claim 110 wherein said components are established from said extracted metadata.

115. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computerised device execute a procedure to communicate
15 metadata between users of a multimedia browsing service, said program comprising:

code for operatively connecting said device to said multimedia browsing service, said service including storage of a table-of-contents including at least one of metadata and links to metadata for items able to be browsed and selected by a user of said device and said service;

20 code for extracting one of metadata or a link to metadata relating to a selected media item from said table-of-contents of a user; and

code for transferring said extracted metadata or link to metadata for said selected item from said device to a further device having a corresponding further user.

25 116. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computerised device execute a procedure to communicate metadata between users of a multimedia browsing service, said program comprising:

code for receiving at least one of metadata or a link to metadata for a media item from a first device having a corresponding first user;

30 code for operatively connecting said computerised device to said multimedia browsing service, said service including storage of a table-of-contents including at least

one of metadata and links to metadata for items able to be browsed and selected by a user of said computerised device and said service; and

means for updating said one metadata or link to metadata relating to said media item to said table-of-contents of said user.

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117. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computerised device execute a procedure to communicate metadata between users of a multimedia browsing service, said program comprising:

code for extracting metadata from a table of contents associated with a user of said computerised device and repositing with a media browsing system to which said computerised device is operatively connectable;

code for associating said extracted metadata with an address of said media browsing system and a logon to said system and enveloping the associated components in a voucher; and

code for communicating said voucher from said computerised device to a further device thereby enabling a user of said further device access to said media browsing system using said logon and to thereby access media content referenced by said metadata from said media browsing system.

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118. A method of transferring a media session from a first device to a second device, said method comprising the steps of:

(a) establishing a media session sourced via a media browsing server upon said first device;

25 (b) actuating a control on said first device to:

(i) transfer to said second device details of said media session;

(ii) receive from second device an identification thereof known to said media browsing server; and

30 (iii) transfer the received identification of said second device to said media browsing server; and

(c) said media browsing server terminating an output of said media session to said first device and directing said output of said media session to said second device.

119. A method according to claim 115, wherein step (c) comprises modifying a quality of service of said media session dependent upon reproduction attributes of said second device.

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120. A method according to claim 116, wherein said modifying alters a form of communication between said first device and said second device.

121. A method according to claim 115, wherein a quality of reproduction of said media session is limited within reproduction attributes of said second device to be no better than that of said first device.

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122 . A method according to claim 116 wherein, when said second device offers higher quality of reproduction of said media session, step (c) comprises a commercial transaction to enable said modifying.

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123. A method according to claim 116, wherein said media session was obtained at a selected quality of service and reproduction of said media session on each said device is performed at a maximum quality of service afforded by the corresponding said device and no better than said selected quality of service.

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124. A method according to claim 115, wherein said devices are selected from the group consisting of: a desktop computer, a portable computer, a mobile telephone, a mobile sound reproduction apparatus.

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125. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a first computerised device execute a procedure to transfer a media session from said first device to a second device, said program comprising:

code for establishing a media session upon said first device and sourced via a media

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browsing server;

code for transferring to said second device details of said media session;

code for receiving from second device an identification of said second device known to said media browsing server; and

code for transferring the received identification of said second device to said media browsing server.

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126. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a first computerised device execute a procedure to receive a media session from a second device, said program comprising:

10 code for receiving from said second device details of a media session occurring on said second device;

code for transferring to said second device an identification of said computerised device known to a media browsing server from which said media session is sourced; and

code for establishing said media session upon said computerised device and sourced via said media browsing server.

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127. A computer readable medium, having a program recorded thereon, where the program is configured to make a computerised media browsing server execute a procedure to transfer a media session from a first device to a second device, said program comprising:

20 code for establishing said media session upon said first device and sourced via said media browsing server;

code for receiving from first device an identification of said second device known to said media browsing server; and

code for transferring said media session from said first device to said second device.

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128. A computer readable medium according to claim 124 wherein said code for transferring comprises code for establishing said media session upon said second device and code for terminating said media session upon said first device.

30 129. A multimedia reproduction device comprising:

means for establishing a media session upon said device and sourced via a media browsing server;

means for transferring to a further device details of said media session;
means for receiving from said further device an identification of said further device
known to said media browsing server; and
means for transferring the received identification of said further device to said media
5 browsing server.

130. A multimedia reproduction device comprising:

means for receiving from a further device details of a media session occurring on
said further device and sourced via a media browsing server;
10 means for transferring to said further device an identification of said multimedia
reproduction device known to said media browsing server; and
means for establishing said media session upon said multimedia reproduction device
and sourced via said media browsing server.

15 131. A media browsing server comprising:

means for establishing a media session upon a first multimedia reproduction device
and sourced via said media browsing server;
means for receiving from said first device an identification of a second multimedia
reproduction device known to said media browsing server; and
20 means for transferring said media session from said first device to said second
device.

132. A media browsing server according to claim 128 wherein said means for transferring
comprises means for establishing said media session upon said second device and means
25 for terminating said media session upon said first device.